(b) whether Government are aware of the people's anger and the hurt sentiments due to such demolitions in Ayodhya (U.P.); and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to stop further demolition of temples in U.P. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) Maintenance of Public Order is a State subject. The State Government of U.P. has informed that after the idol of Hanuman was removed voluntarily by the Mahant the structure of Sankat Mochan Temple was removed.

Lathi charge in Jama Masjid area

952. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have ordered any enquiry to investigate into the reported lathi-charge in Jama Masjid area on Delhi in the 6th April, 1992;

(b) if so, the findings thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a police officer of the rank of Additional DCP entered the Jama Masjid in an "inebriated state"; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the police officer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (d) Additional Commissioner of Police, Northern Range, is enquiring into the matter.

Compentation for the death of students in police firing in Delhi

953. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have paid any compensation to the kin of the students killed in police firing during anti-Mandal agitations in Delhi during the period August—December, 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any police officer was found guilty in the above incidents; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the police officer who reportedly fired on Shri Aditya Narayan in Sarojini Nagar on the 25th September, 1990 resulting in his death on the 14th October, 1990 in Safdarjang Hospital ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Following the directions of the High Court, an amount of Rs. 2.5 lakhs has been paid to the next of the kin of Sh. Aditya Narayan Sharma and Rs. 50,000 to the next of the kin of Sh. Devender Kumar Sharma, both of whom had died as a result of the police firing in anti-Mandal agitation in Delhi in September, 1990.

(c) and (d) In the case relating to death of Sh. Devender Kumar Sharma, the High Court held that the Delhi Police had failed to make adequate arrangements to aid and assist the wounded. The lifting of Sh. Sharma after his injury by the police has been severely criticised by the High Court. The Court held that there was excessive force by the police. The High Court held that they had no reason to hold that the action of the police in resorting to firing was a delebrate and vindictive act. In the case relating to the death of Sh. A. N. Sharma, the Court held that the firing was unwarranted. The matter is under examination to fix responsibility on individual police officers(s) who may have been responsible for lapses or excessive use of force.

Rape of girls in Orphanage

954. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which

appeared in the Patriot dated April 6, 1992, under the caption 'Fears of rape haunt Orphans', to the effect that nightmares of mayhem, molestation and worse, haunt the girls including minor ones of the Shishu Nandan Orphanage in Dhawapanagar, South Tripura;

(b) if so, whether Government have since conducted any inquiry and obtained a report from the Tripura Government or otherwise about the reported atrocities on orphan girls, especially minor girls between 16 to 18 years; and if so, the details of such report; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to prevent such atrocities on orphan girls, including minor ones at the hands of rowdies in the country in general and Tripura in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) The State Government have reported that an orphanage by the name of Dhwajanagar Shishunandan functioning in Udaipur Sub-Division is managed by local Notified Area Authority with financial assistance from the State Government. An incident of suicide of a girl inmate of this orphanage was reported in early 1990. Postmortem examination revealed that she was pregnant. No other incident of rape or pregnancy was reported. The State Government has taken measures to ensure better protection to girl inmates. Girl inmates have been segragated by bamboo wall with separate accommodation, kitchen and entry gate. A night guard has also been provided to ensure their security. Besides, the State Govt. have also undertaken an exercise to reorganise the destitute children's homes in the State with a view to have separate homes for boys and girls respectively.

There are also two Central Acts which provide for licensing of institutions for women and childrens and for supervision and control of orphanage home viz, (i) The Women's and Children's Institutions (Licensing) Act, 1956 and (ii) "The Orphanages and other Charitable Homes (Supervision & Control) Act, 1960" which can be enforced by a State Government.

Under-trails in the country

955. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study to find out the cases of the under-trials in the country pending from over three months, six months and above at the end of 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; indicating the percentage of under trial cases pending for over three and six months and above disposed of from the backlog during 1991 and the number of cases that were added during 1991;

(c) whether considering long wait for justice and the period of their detention which, in most of the cases, happens to be more than the sentence awarded, some measures are being contemplated by Government to remedy the situation; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) The Central Government have not made any specific study of the cases of under-trial prisoners in the country. "Prisons" being a State subject it is primarily for the State Governments to review the position of the under-trials in jails vis-a-vis the judicial system.

Fire in jhuggis of Jahangirpur, Delhi

956. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a major fire broke out in Jehangirpuri, Delhi on the 3rd April, 1992 and damaged several jhuggis and also caused considerable loss to the lives and property;

(b) if so, whether Government have since investigated into the cause of the fire;